## National Register of Private Records

Inadequate financial assistance by State Governments and lack of qualified staff retarded, to some extent the progress of salvaging records in private custody. The Department received 427 proformas, covering 487 documents, 3 volumes and 3 books from Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jammu and Kashmir, Kerala, Mysore, Punjab, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh. No reports were received from Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.

Reports about the expenditure incurred on the scheme during 1971-72 are as follows:

Andhra Pradesh Rs.8,858.67, Assam Rs.12,475.92; Jammu and Kashmir Rs.4,837.00, Kerala Rs.9,212; Mysore Rs.12,943.31, Punjab Rs.3,625.55, Uttar Pradesh Rs.1,440.65 and Tamil Nadu Rs.482.75. As regards the National Archives of India, a sum of Rs.56,770 was spent on the project as against a provision of Rs.72,000 under the Plan budget.

Compilation work: Two volumes of National Register of Records are ready and expected to come out shortly. These include Part III of 1959-60 and the Register for 1961-62, comprising collections from different States. The work in respect of Part II of the National Register of Records for 1959-60 is also nearing completion. Compilation of the Registers for 1960-61 and 1962-63 have been taken up.

## Preservation of Records

Research and Advice on Repair and Preservation: Research Laboratory of the Department continued its efforts to help to